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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT PROGRAM ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 VOTES**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Adopt the enclosed Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to submit project applications and negotiate for grants under the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The voters of California passed the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) in March 2002. In the Fiscal Year 2002-03 State Budget, the Legislature appropriated \$18 million to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program. Funds are to be awarded for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources.

The RMC is an independent State agency within the Resources Agency of the State of California. Its jurisdiction includes the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills.

In order to apply for the RMC Grant Program, a local agency must have a resolution adopted by its governing board that indicates the person authorized to act on its behalf. The enclosed Resolution has been prepared to conform to this requirement. The Resolution delegates to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to act on behalf of the County of Los Angeles when applying for the grants and negotiating the grant terms.

If a project application is successful in receiving grant funding, the grant agreement will be presented to the Board for approval.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides needed services to the public. Construction of projects under the RMC grant program will allow the general public to enjoy outdoor recreational facilities that are environmentally friendly.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The RMC Grant Program fund provides financing for eligible activities related to watershed restoration and recreational facilities. The individual projects to be administered under this program, should they be selected by the RMC, will be included in the appropriate annual budget.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Adoption of the enclosed Resolution does not constitute a project, nor the approval of a project pursuant to Section 301 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines. Consequently, the proposed action is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The appropriate environmental document or finding of categorical exemption will be prepared for each individual project at a later date.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The funds received from the State through the RMC under the subject program may be used for outdoor recreation projects, watershed restoration, and preservation of cultural and historical sites. Eligible activities include a variety of activities which enhance the environment as well as environmental public education programs. These activities are defined by the RMC, and they refer to them as Common Ground Open Space Planning Phase I and Phase II.

**CONCLUSION**

Enclosed are three copies of the Resolution. Upon approval, please return two copies of the Resolution along with two approved copies of this letter to Public Works. The remaining copy is for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE  
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA  
CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND  
COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2002

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002, which provides funds for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) grant program; and

WHEREAS, the RMC has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the RMC require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of an application before submission of said application to the RMC; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors certifies through this Resolution that the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, hereinafter referred to as "PUBLIC WORKS," is authorized to submit applications for grant funds under the program; and

WHEREAS, if PUBLIC WORKS is selected for a grant award or awards, PUBLIC WORKS will seek the Board of Supervisors' approval of an agreement or agreements with the State of California for the performance of the project or projects as described in the application or applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Approves the filing of applications for local assistance funds from the RMC grant program under the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002; and
2. Authorizes the Director of PUBLIC WORKS, or his designee, to conduct on behalf of the County of Los Angeles negotiations and, if a grant or grants are awarded by the RMC, to submit to the Board of Supervisors all grant agreements for Board approval.
3. Authorizes the Director of PUBLIC WORKS, or his designee, to certify that projects to be submitted are consistent with local or regional land-use plans as well as Common Ground and Phase II final reports.

The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN  
County Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

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